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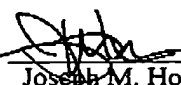
STATUS INQUIRY

The Notice of Allowance for the above-referenced pending application was mailed to Applicants on April 23, 2004. Applicants paid the Issue Fee and filed an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 (a) on June 18, 2004. On August 24, 2004, the Patent Office mailed a Response to Rule 312 Communication which disapproved the Amendment filed on 22 June 2004. Applicants responded to the Patent Office Response on September 3, 2004 by mailing a subsequent Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 (a). Applicants note that the Public Patent Application Information Retrieval does not show receipt of the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 (a) mailed on September 3, 2004. Applicants submit herewith a copy of the September 3, 2004 Amendment and a copy of the returned postcard showing receipt by the US Patent and Trademark Office of the Amendment on September 7, 2004.

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